YOU!

YOUR COMRADES ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE FRENCH WAFFEN-SS DIVISION

The SS Is Calling

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Is calling !

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FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE WAFFEN SS HAVE, ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR BRAVERY, BEEN AWARDED THE KNIGHT'S CROSS OF THE IRON CROSS WITH OAK LEAVES BY THE FÜHRER

WENN ICH VON DIESER INFANTERIE SPRECHE, DANN MÖCHTE ICH HEUTE ABER AUCH ZUM ERSTENMAL BESONDERS HERVORHEBEN DIE STETS GLEICHE UND VORBILDLICHE TAPFERKEIT UND HÄRTE MEINER BRAVEN SS-DIVISIONEN UND SS-POLIZEIVERBÄNDE. ICH HABE SIE VON VORNHEREIN ALS EINE UNERSCHÜTTERLICHE TRUPPE ANGESEHEN, GEHORSAM TREU UND TAPFER IM KRIEG WIE SIE ES IM FRIEDEN ZU SEIN GELOBT HATTEN.

ADOLF HITLER AM 26. APRIL 1942

IF I SPEAK OF THIS INFANTRY, TODAY I ALSO WANT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, TO ESPECIALLY PRAISE THE EVER EQUAL AND EXEMPLARY BRAVERY AND TOUGHNESS OF MY BRAVE SS DIVISIONS AND POLICE FORMATIONS. I HAVE CONSIDERED THEM FROM THE OUTSET AS AN UNWAVERING TROOP, DISCIPLINED, FAITHFUL, AND BRAVE IN WAR JUST AS THEY HAD VOWED TO BE IN PEACE.

ADOLF HITLER. April 26, 1942.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRENCH WAFFEN-SS REGIMENT

By the law of July 22, 1943, President Laval, with the assent of the Head of State, Marshal Pétain, recognized the right of all Frenchmen to enlist in the Waffen SS formations in the East, in order to take part in the combat for the existence and future of Europe.

Under this law, volunteers for the Waffen SS enjoy the same legal status as members of the L.V.F. [Legion of French Volunteers].

The French Government has thus shown that it appreciated the offer made by the Führer and that it is ready to take its part in the duties dictated by decisive hours for the fate of Europe.

It is obvious that the creation of a unit of French volunteers within the Waffen-SS represents a new, highly important step in the union of European youth against Bolshevik nihilism.

The fact is that through the influx of volunteers from almost every country in Europe who, side by side with their German comrades, have distinguished themselves by their valor on the Eastern Front, the SS - which was the essential foundation of the National Socialist Party and originally had only internal German political value - has transformed today into an indissoluble community of European youth fighting for the preservation of its cultural values and civilization.

That French youth instinctively understood the significance of this new step is demonstrated by the fact that, within a few days and without the slightest propaganda, more than fifteen hundred volunteers came forward. The first two battalions exist, and soon the first French SS regiment will be in a position to prove the permanence of high French military traditions and the fighting spirit of its youth.

The SS will make it a point of honor and consider it an essential task to employ the military qualities and combat will of every Frenchman ready to commit his life to the struggle for the existence and future of Europe, against Bolshevism, for social justice, for victory!

(Statement made in Paris on August 6, 1943, at the Conference of the French and Foreign Press.)

Norwegian

German

Danish

Dutch

Law of July 22, 1943 relating to voluntary enlistments in anti-Bolshevik formations.

The Head of Government,

Having regard to Constitutional Acts 12 and 12 bis,

The Cabinet Council having been heard,

Decrees:

ARTICLE ONE. Frenchmen may contract a voluntary enlistment to fight Bolshevism outside the territory in formations established by the German government (Waffen-SS), to be grouped in a French unit.

ART. 2. Those who, belonging to this unit, effectively fight outside the territory, shall benefit from the advantages provided by the laws and regulations relating to the Legion of French Volunteers Against Bolshevism.

ART. 3. This decree shall be published in the Official Journal and executed as a law of the State.

Done in Vichy, July 22, 1943.

PIERRE LAVAL

Flemish

Walloon

French

Finnish

HISTORY AND TASKS OF THE WAFFEN-SS

The Waffen-SS was conceived in the same National Socialist spirit that guided the actions of the "SS-Männer" during the entire revolutionary period of the seizure of power and the establishment of National Socialism in Germany. The paramilitary and quartered sections, the Guard Regiment "Adolf Hitler", the "Death's Head" (Totenkopf) legions, as well as the first troop units placed at the service of the Führer, were created at a time when new missions were assigned to the various SS groups, including the protection of the Führer and his collaborators against any assassination attempt. Hence the name Schutz Staffel (Protection Squad) that was given to them. Furthermore, the SS had to ensure, on the one hand, the preservation of the purity of National Socialist ideology - the principle of regeneration that was to transform the German people in the near or distant future - and on the other hand, to track down and neutralize all fierce opponents intent on undermining the achievements of the National Socialist State as well as its new worldview.

After the seizure of power, above all, the Führer needed particularly reliable and active formations to support him in carrying out his work. A new type of political militant, selected, imbued with the new idea, and possessing a solid political and social training, was necessary. It was under these circumstances and on these foundations that he was formed and that the formations were created.

These are the same men and the same principles found at the origin of the creation of the "Waffen-SS". Thus, the leaders of the "Allgemeine-SS" became the first leaders of the Waffen-SS, and the very first was General Sepp Dietrich.

In the decisive struggle in which the German people are engaged, the SS soldier is at the forefront of the fight and assumes the hardest part for final victory. Side by side with the army, this unit, composed entirely of volunteers, has no other reason for being than to fight the external enemy. Subversion having failed on the inside, enemy forces are trying from the outside to reduce Germany and stifle the German people. Just as on the home front in the fight for their National Socialist ideal, on the exterior front, the SS have distinguished themselves in the most recent formation: the "Waffen-SS". Today it comprises numerous fully motorized divisions and extends to all branches, with the exception of the Air Force and the Navy.

Under the tall columns of the Munich Memorial, the Führer's first eight companions, fallen for the National Socialist Revolution, rest under the guard of the Waffen-SS.

Today, the Waffen SS has become the Army of Europe and includes in its ranks volunteers from 17 nations.

THE PATH TO GLORY

Young Frenchmen wishing to enlist in the Waffen-SS receive all desired information in Paris at the headquarters of the Ersatzkommando Frankreich der Waffen-SS, 24, avenue Recteur-Poincaré and, in the provinces, from the Kommandos der Ordnungspolizei at the headquarters of Regional Prefectures (1).

Those working in Germany should apply to the Ergänzungsstelle der Waffen-SS nearest to their residence.

Candidates may also apply in writing to the Ersatzkommando Frankreich in Paris, which will send them a summons with a travel permit.

The Review Board operates a strict selection among the volunteers.

(1) See list page 17.

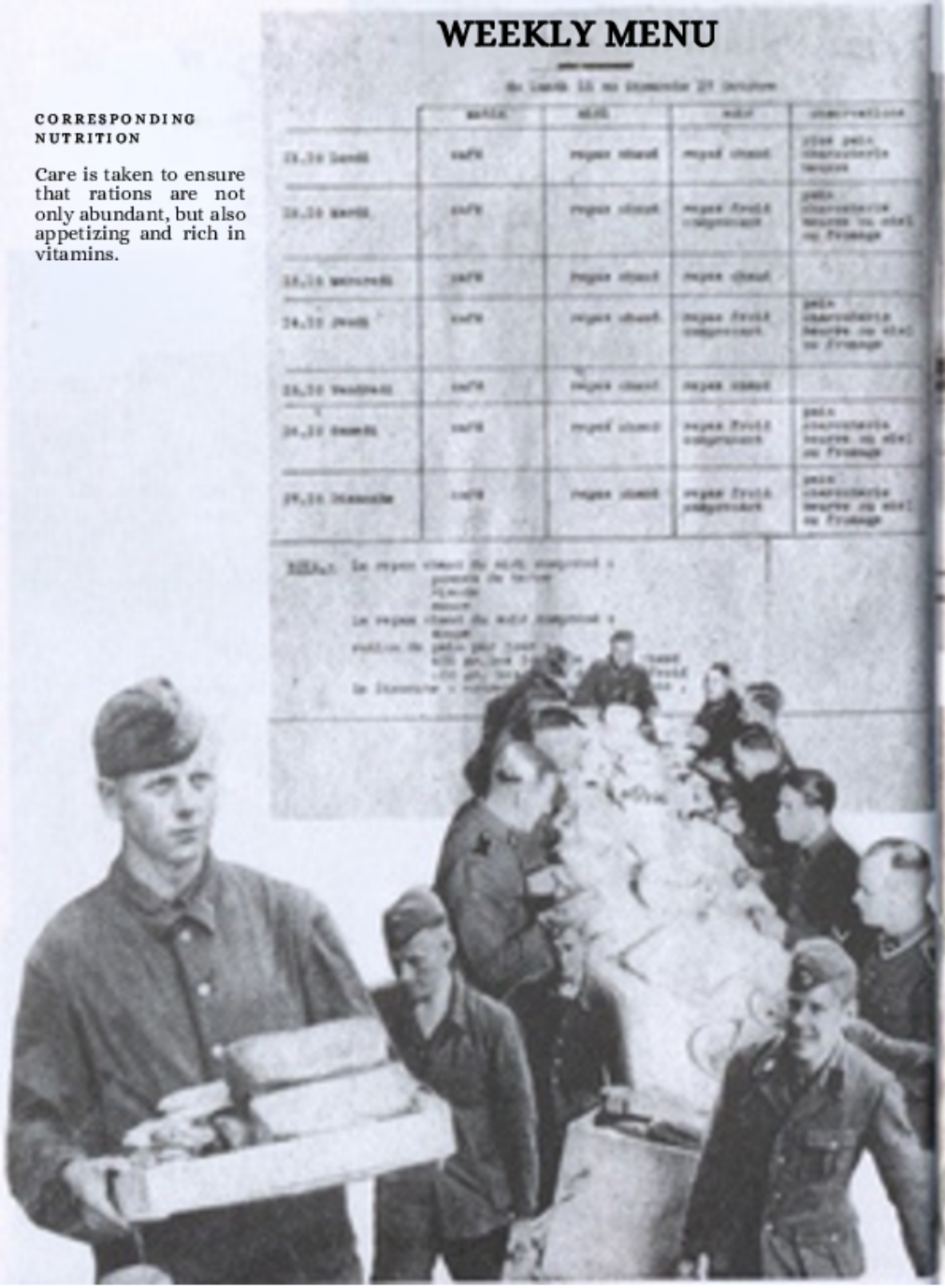
... A few days later, en route to the pre-instruction school.

In a camp located in southern Germany, the young volunteers...

.. will receive, above all, sports preparation and...

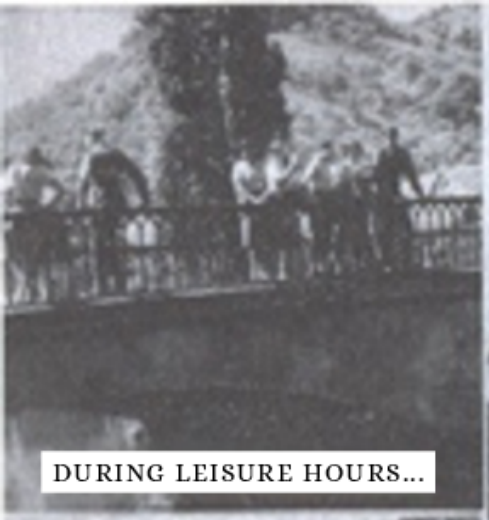
CORRESPONDING NUTRITION

Care is taken to ensure that rations are not only abundant, but also appetizing and rich in vitamins.



Preparation also includes political courses...

...and the first rudiments of military instruction.



DURING LEISURE HOURS...

... volunteers visit the neighboring town...

... and the countryside around the camp...

museums....

... unless they prefer the charms of music...

... the comfort of family correspondence, or...

... the pleasure of reading.

After a few weeks, departure for the Ersatz-Bataillon, where...

...actual military instruction immediately begins.

...with its field exercises...

...and its maneuvers across all terrains.

With the exception of the Cavalry Division and a few infantry divisions,...

...the Waffen-SS is fully motorized.

Infantry armament includes

...in addition to light and heavy machine guns...

...and light and heavy grenade launchers...

...infantry guns...

...anti-tank guns...

...assault guns...

...armored vehicles...

...rocket launchers...

...light anti-aircraft guns...

...and heavy ones. The latter are also used for the destruction of enemy armor.

A camaraderie has developed that months at the front will soon render indissoluble.

The Reichsführer SS, Heinrich Himmler, among his SS-Männer.

Now, the great day of the swearing-in ceremony has arrived.

DER EID DES SS-MANNES

ICH SWORE DIR,
ADOLF HITLER,
ALS FÜHRER
TREUE UND TAPFERKEIT.
ICH GELOBE DIR
UND DEN VON DIR
BESTIMMTEN VORGESETZTEN
GEHORSAM BIS IN
DEN TOD,
SO WAHR MIR
GOTT HELFE.

THE SOLDIER'S OATH

"BEFORE GOD, I SWEAR ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE TO ADOLF HITLER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE GERMAN ARMY, AND TO THE SUPERIORS DESIGNATED BY HIM. I SWEAR TO BE A BRAVE AND FAITHFUL SOLDIER AND AM READY TO MAKE THE SACRIFICE OF MY LIFE TO RESPECT THIS OATH."

The SS-MANN

The "SS-Mann" is not only a soldier; he is also a political militant; he is the man who embodies par excellence the idea of the Führer, Adolf Hitler. He distinguishes himself from other combatants by his knowledge of warfare, an endurance tested against all trials, the pride of having taken part in numerous victories, the memory of dangers and obstacles overcome, and above all by the strength conferred upon him by the National Socialist ideal with which he is imbued.

Given his bravery and composure, the awareness of his moral superiority and military capabilities, he has deliberately accepted a new form of life devoid of all mediocrity and adapted to the exceptional conditions of war.

The name "Waffen-SS" is inseparable from the battles of Poland, Belgium, Holland, France, and Yugoslavia, and from the passes and straits of Greece to the snowfields of Karelia, from the forests of Central Russia to the Caucasus, by way of the steppes of Ukraine, it has always been held in honor. Capable and proven, the composure of the "SS-Mann" ensures him victory in combat, the fear and respect of the defeated enemy, and in his own country, the admiration and love of his people.

Every man entering the "Waffen-SS" has, if he proves himself, the opportunity to reach the rank of non-commissioned officer and even, if he particularly distinguishes himself, that of officer.

The Untherführer

He is, in his various ranks, the devoted associate and support of the SS officer. As a sergeant, he is directly attached to the men in his group. He knows how to take responsibility on every occasion, and he can be relied upon. The trust shown in him by his leaders and subordinates rests on his bravery, his sense of justice, and his abilities, which have been tested and earned him his rank. He personifies the moral resistance strength of the Waffen SS. Firmness, confidence, and calm characterize him in combat.

In the Waffen SS, the role of the warrant officer is of the utmost importance, and great qualities of character are required of him. His capabilities are decisive for success in the combat sustained by his group. He is the assistant to the SS officer and replaces him when necessary. If call is made upon his technical skills, he is expected to be top-notch.

Given all the demands and obligations of his function, the senior warrant officer has a position clearly distinguished from other non-commissioned officers. He ensures that military discipline is maintained smoothly and tirelessly relieves the SS officer by caring for the well-being of his men.

Thus, the SS non-commissioned officer corps is, in its spirit, deeply imbued with Adolf Hitler's National Socialist ideal and constitutes the main factor in the great victories with which the Waffen SS are indissolubly linked in the history of this war.

Finally, let us remember that the SS non-commissioned officer who has demonstrated these military capabilities and who has furthermore distinguished himself by remarkable leadership aptitudes can achieve the rank of SS officer.

The SS officer is both a leader and a comrade to his subordinates. He takes pride in being an example to them in everything and everywhere. From the confidence he inspires in his men stems the vigor of his group. The officer never thinks of himself, but first of those he commands, gaining in return the respect and esteem that exemplary simplicity and conduct always guarantee. Conscious of his duties and responsibilities, he knows how to look from above and handle with the necessary determination and toughness the great problems of instruction, discipline, and conduct in combat.

L'officier SS
(SS-Führer)

The SS-Führer personifies "esprit de corps". Nor does he ignore that the army must substitute in wartime for the distant family, where mothers, wives, sisters, and children think with love and pride of the fighting son, husband, brother, or father. Thus, he always possesses the necessary tact in his relations with the men under his authority. Should a dispute or disagreement arise, should something leave room for improvement, he intervenes energetically, asserting his authority, forcefully if necessary. He knows the good and bad sides of men. He knows how to administer necessary punishment when required, but also how to recognize efforts made for both great and small duties. He is always accessible to his men, concerned about everything: housing, quantity and quality of food, equipment, promotions and decorations, physical and moral well-being of his troop. In short, he is that type of military leader of whom the soldier says: "I would die for him."

In addition to the practical and immediate command of the troop, the career of the SS-Führer involves solving the broad problems presented in any war to staff officers.

THE SS-JUNKERSCHULE IN TÖLZ

In the magnificent setting of the Bavarian Alps stands the Officer Candidates School of the Waffen-SS. It is there that future leaders are trained who, at the end of the course cycle, after having passed the tests, will be entrusted with the high responsibility of commanding troops.

Officers of foreign armies.

According to the order of the Reichsführer-SS, foreign officers wishing to serve in the Waffen-SS can only be admitted after having participated in an officers' course at the SS-Junkerschule.

The purpose of this course is:

to inform foreign officers about matters specific to the German army and the Waffen-SS in particular;

to complete their military training regarding weapons, tactics, and new experiences of the present war;
to test the moral and technical qualifications of those concerned to exercise a command in the Waffen-SS.
The enlistment and promotion of officers in the Waffen-SS are handled by an Examination Commission that tests each candidate at the end of the course cycle and issues a judgment on his presentation and political attitude.

It is on the basis of this judgment that promotion in the Waffen-SS takes place, at the candidate's former rank in the foreign army to which he belonged, provided the Commission does not deem another rank more appropriate. The pay of former foreign officers is in any case paid to them, from the day of their entry into the Waffen-SS, at the rate corresponding to their former rank. The above stipulations are also valid for former officers of the Legion of French Volunteers.

Officer Candidates.

ndependently of former foreign officers, any volunteer who has demonstrated during instruction and combat qualities that specially qualify him for command may, on the proposal of his Commander, be admitted to a non-commissioned officers' course.

Non-commissioned officers' course.

Upon their request, approved by the Kommandeur of their unit or at the initiative of the latter, volunteers may be admitted to a non-commissioned officers' course within their unit itself. The same applies at the training camp.

The hour for "Fronteinsatz" has arrived. Still inexperienced, but endowed with highly advanced military training and the most modern weapons, strongly framed and commanded by proven leaders, the young SS-Mann approaches the test of fire with confidence.

He will not delay in getting battle-hardened and following in the footsteps of the "veterans."

Soviet positions are taken by assault by Flemish volunteers, several of whom...

...receive the Iron Cross that they have well earned.

The glorious Wiking Division, composed of volunteers of Germanic race, has the sun wheel as its insignia.

This non-commissioned officer demonstrated exemplary bravery. The Führer awarded him the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross.

The Führer with his Bodyguard: the "Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler".

The Führer, accompanied by the Reichsführer SS.

The Feldpost has just arrived. The European volunteer is happy to receive news from his family. He knows that while he guards his loved ones from the red scourge, the SS watches over their protection and their material and moral needs.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

I. PAY.

Pay is paid directly to each volunteer, in accordance with the scale below:

		Francs
SS-Mann et Sturmmann-soldier..		600. »
Rottenführer	- corporal	720. »
Unterscharführer	- sergeant	840. »
Scharführer	-career sergeant	900. »
Oberscharführer	- staff-sergeant	1.080. »>
Hauptscharführer	-warrant officer	1.200. »
Sturmscharführer	-senior warrant officer	1.200. »
Untersturmführer	-second lieutenant	1.440. »
Obersturmführer	-lieutenant	1.620. »
Hauptsturmführer	-captain	1.920. »
Sturmbannführer	-SS-major	2.160. »

In addition, all volunteers, regardless of rank, receive a daily allowance of 20 Francs as long as they are on the front line. All officers receive a monthly clothing allowance of 600 Francs.

II. FAMILY SUPPORT.

A. Support for the wife.
The allowance is based on the volunteer's previous net income, according to a degressive scale, namely:

Previous Income -	Allowance
Under 2.000. »	Frs 1.600.
3.000. »	2.100. »
4.000. »	2.600. »
5.000. »	3.000. »
6.000 »	3.300. »
7.000. »	3.600. »
8.000. »	4.000. »
9.000. »	4.300. »
10.000. »	4.600. »
12.000. »	5.000. »
14.000. »	5.500. »
Above 14.000. »	6.000. »

B. Child allowance.
In addition to the allowance for the wife, there will be allocated for each child under 16 years of age:
a) residing with the volunteer's wife or parents: 400 Frs
b) not residing with the volunteer's wife or parents: 600 Frs
C. Parent allowance.
A special allowance is granted to the father or mother of the volunteer if he contributed at least a quarter of the family's income. The allowance is calculated according to the scale below:

	I parent francs	2 parents francs
For assistance of at least 700 Frs:	700. »	1.000. »>
701. »à 1.000. >	1.000. »	1300. »>
1.001. 1.300. »	1.300. »>	1.600. »
more than 1.300. »	1.500. »	1800. »>

In addition, an allowance of 200 Frs is granted for each brother or sister under 16 years of age.

D. Housing Allowance
In addition to the allowance provided above in § II (A and B), an allowance equal to the rent actually paid by the volunteer's wife is paid. If the volunteer or his wife owns a home, an allowance based on the rental value of the home is allocated.
No housing allowance is granted to the volunteer's parents (§ II C).

III. ALLOCATION FOR SINGLE MEN

Single volunteers having neither children nor parents to support receive an allowance according to the scale below. This allowance is not paid to them directly but credited to their account. They are free to transfer sums to France drawn from this account.
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	francs		francs
SS-Mann and Sturmmann.	1.200. »	Hauptscharführer	2.900. »
Rottenführer	1.500. »	Sturmscharführer	2.900. »
Unterscharführer	2.100. »	Untersturmführer	4.200. »
Scharführer	2.600. »	Obersturmführer	4.600. »
Oberscharführer	2.800. »	Hauptsturmführer	6.800. »
Sturmbannführer	8.000. »		

IV. PENSIONS

Regarding disability pensions and pensions for beneficiaries of missing volunteers, the regime is identical to that of all members of the German army. It is well known that this guarantees invalids very liberal conditions.
V. The setting and payment of the various family allowances are carried out by the Fürsorgeoffizier der Waffen-SS, who will also examine all special cases not provided for in the statement above.
The Fürsorgeoffizier is also competent to ensure the protection of the rights of volunteers or their families from all points of view.

Here are three brothers, three Dutch volunteers of the Waffen-SS

FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE, WAIT NO LONGER, APPLY TODAY.

in PARIS: at the Ersatzkommando Frankreich der Waffen-SS, 24, avenue du Recteur-Poincaré (metro: Ranelagh);
in PROVINCES: at the German Police (Kommando der Ordnungspolizei) at the headquarters of Regional Prefectures (addresses below):
in GERMANY: at the nearest Ergänzungsstelle der Waffen SS.

LIST OF KOMMANDOS

PARIS	Erzatzkommando Frankreich der Waffen-- 24. Avenue Recteur-Poincaré. 28. Rue La Boétie.
RENNES (L-et-V.)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei. 8, Boulevard Volney.
MARSEILLE (B.-du-R.)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei. 4. Boulevard Rivet.
LIMOGES (Hte-Vienne)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei. 15. Rue Montalembert.
BRIVE (Corrèze)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei. 11. Rue de l'Hôtel-de-Vile.
POITIERS (Vienne)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei. 12. Avenue de Bordeaux.
SAINT-QUENTIN (Aisne)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei. 2. Rue Charles-Picard.
ROUEN (Seine-Inf.)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei. 53, rue de Reims.

ANGERS (Maine-et-Loire)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei. 19. Rue de la Préfecture.
	S. D.. 40. Rue Saint-Julien.
DIJON (Côte-d'Or)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei. 13. Cours du Parc.
	Hôtel Morot.
	3 bis. Avenue du Maréchal-Foch.
GRENOBLE (Isère)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei.
	Hôtel de Savoie.
BORDEAUX (Gironde)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei.
	328. Av. du Maréchal-Pétain. Le Bouscat
	25. Allées de Toumy.
CHALONS-SUR-MARNE (Mame).	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei.
	57, Allée Paul-Doumer.
	16. Allée Paul-Doumer.
ORLEANS (Loiret)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei.
	31. Rue Jules-Lemaître.
	9. Rue du Grenier-à-Sel.
CLERMONT-FERRAND (P.-de-D.).	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei.
	63. Avenue du Maréchal-Pétain.
PERIGUEUX (Dordogne).	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei.
MONTPELLIER (Hérault)	Hôtel Régina.
	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei.
TOULOUSE (Haute-Garonne)	25. Avenue Bouisson-Bertrand.
	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei.
	1. Rue Boulingrin.
BESANÇON (Doubs)	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei.
	Promenade de Chamars.
NANCY (Meurthe-et-Moselle).	Kommando der Ordnungspolizei.
	31. Boulevard Albert-I".

I hereby request my enlistment as a volunteer in the Waffen-SS.
Surname (in block letters): .....
First name: .....
Residence: .....
Street and number: .....
Age: ..... years, born on .....
Religion: .....
Profession: .....
Education/Studies: .....
(also fill out the back)
Please turn over.
Are you a member of a party? Which one? .....
Were you in the service of the State? .....
Have you completed military service? .....
Duration? .....
Which branch? .....
Rank? .....
Have you incurred any convictions? Which ones? .....
The undersigned declares to have filled out this form truthfully.
(Signature)
Recruited by:
Name: .....
Address: .....
This application, duly completed and signed, is to be delivered to the Recruitment Center, 24, avenue du Recteur-Poincaré, in Paris, or to the German police office (Komm. der Ordnungspolizei) at the headquarters of the Regional Prefecture. It can also be returned by mail, postage free. Volunteers residing in Germany are requested to contact the Ergänzungsstelle in their region (see list page 46).

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